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1. AB ASSUME IT WAS POSSIBILITY OF HIGH-LEVEL NATO MEETINRI THAT LED TO DECISION TO DROP BRUSSELS AND THE HAGUE FROM ALTERNATE SCHEDULE FOR NWC. ALTHOUGH REF A DOES NOT CITE OUR PREVIOUS RESPONSE (REF B), WE HOPE NWC HAS FOCUSED ON FACT THAT, IF SUCH A MEETING MATERIALIZES, SENIOR NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS MAY ALSO BE UNAVAILABLE ON 26 APRIL, THE ONE WORKING DAY SCHEDULED FOR OSLO.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT IF GROUP
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DOES NOT MEET ANYONE OF IMPORTANCE IN NORWAY IT WILL LEAVE

WITH BAD TASTE IN ITS MOUTH, EVEN THOUGH REASONS WERE UNDERSTOOD IN ADVANCE. EMBASSY FEELS EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE TO COME HERE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. UNLESS BERLIN AND HELSINKI HAVE EVEN STRONGER REASONS FOR STICKING WITH THE DATES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY URGE THAT SCHEDULE BE FURTHER REVISED SO THAT GROUP VISITS OSLO LAST, FROM MAY 2 TO MAY 5 (MAY 1 IS A HOLIDAY HERE). IF THAT IMPOSSIBLE, SECOND CHOICE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY STANDPOINT WOULD BE TO REVERSE ORDER OF HELSINKI AND OSLO, COMING HERE 28 APRIL TO 2 MAY.
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